

9:00 am –9:45 am

The Branch Worship
in the Family Life Center

10:00 am -10:45 am

Sunday School for all

11:00 am -12:00 pm

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

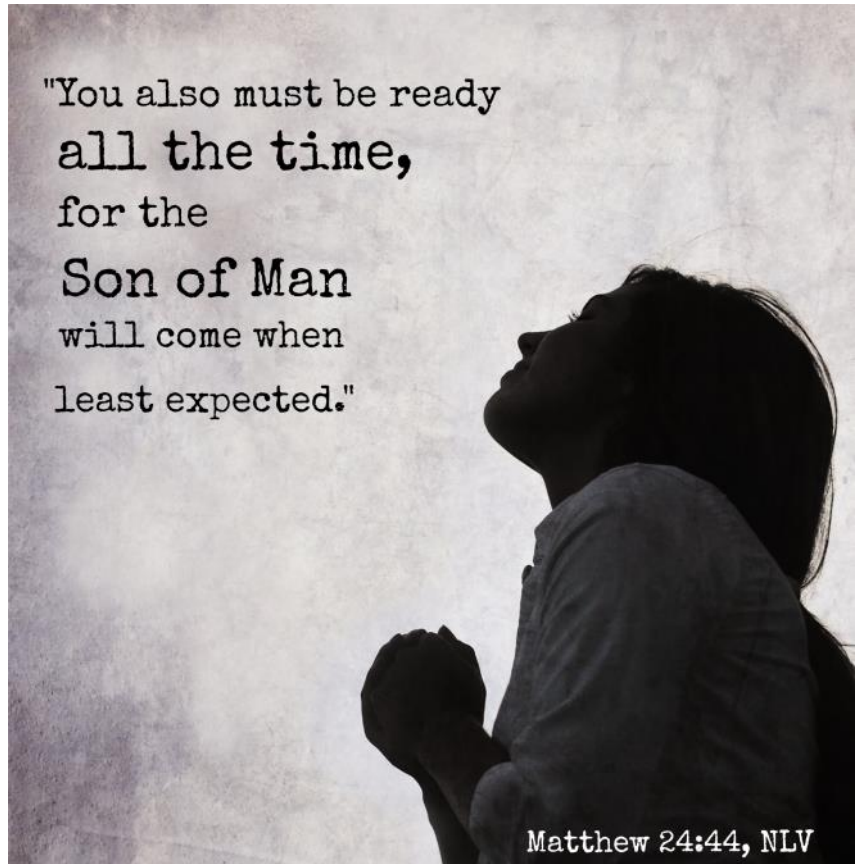
Welcome!

We're glad you are worshiping with us. A special welcome to our first time guests. We trust you will feel the presence of God among us and hope you will want to worship with us again soon. For any questions about becoming a part of the life and work of St. Matthew, please speak with one of the pastors. We think you'll find St. Matthew a friendly place to make your church home.

Our Mission

To build life-changing relationships with God, one another, and our community.

"You also must be ready
all the time,
for the
Son of Man
will come when
least expected."



Matthew 24:44, NLV

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



St. Matthew will have one service on Sunday, December 25th at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

Come celebrate Christmas morning in your PJs!

Listening enhancement devices are available at the 11:00 worship service for those with hearing impairment.

Please ask one of our ushers for a device and instructions



Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Reception in the Parlor, immediately following the Candlelight service. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and come enjoy this time of fellowship and holiday cheer!



ADVENT 2022

Advent booklets are available on greeter tables at both services



The Angels of Christmas

HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN ADVENT

LEADER KIT

SUSAN ROBB

Pastor Kurt will be leading an Advent Bible Study on Tuesday nights at 6pm in the Conference Room. The study will be following the book "The Angels of Christmas" by Susan Robb.

Books are \$13 each. Click on the QR code to sign up





9:00 am Order of Worship

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Henderson Family

Prayers

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (775) 572-9651

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

No One Knows

Kurt McPherson

Closing Worship Song

Dismissal & Blessing

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's packets are available at the welcome table. All papers, stickers & pipe cleaners may be taken home. Please return the folders to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

Offering boxes are on the welcome table.

11:00 am Order of Worship

Gathering & Praise

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Wachet auf) J.S. Bach

Greetings & Announcements Kurt McPherson

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** When Morning Gilds the Skies UMH 185

***Call to Worship (Unison)** Robert Boggs

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

All: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

Gloria Patri UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Advent Wreath Lighting The Cormey Family

Listening for the Word of God

Let the Children Come

*After the children's moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to the back of the Sanctuary to be led to Children's Church. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary Entrance. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.*

***Hymn of Preparation** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

***Psalter** Psalm 122 UMH 845

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:36-44 Robert Boggs

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

No One Knows

Kurt McPherson

***Affirmation of Faith**

“Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Responding to God’s Word

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Text joys and concerns by 11:15 am(775) 572-9651

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

Kurt McPherson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering (*In addition to giving your offering as the plates are passed, you may text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or give online at StMatthewUMC.net.*)

Offertory

People, Look East(Besançon)

Wayne Wold

***The Doxology**

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Hark, the Glad Sound! (Chesterfield)

Paul Manz

(Children’s activity folders are available in baskets at the side doors of the Sanctuary)

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Keith Wannamaker

Liturgist: Robert Boggs

Crucifer: Addie Johnson

Acolyte: Kendrick Johnson, Grayson Thomas

Children’s Church Adults: Lynn Spicher

Children’s Church Youth Helper: Oliver Spicher

Ushers: Doug Webb

Greeters: Faithful Followers Class

11:00 am Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44 NLT

³⁶“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

³⁷“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day.³⁸ In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.³⁹ People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

⁴⁰“Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left.⁴¹ Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

⁴²“So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.⁴³ Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into.⁴⁴ You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

St. Matthew Happenings



If you would like to have a Poinsettia placed in the Sanctuary in memory of a loved one this Christmas season, please scan the QR code



Adult Children's Church Volunteers are needed. We need two adults each week. Please scan the QR code to volunteer today!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR CHOIR OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, November 30th
6-7 pm
in the choir room

Join us for a rehearsal and light refreshments as we prepare to sing in the traditional service for the Advent and Christmas season!!

RSVP to AKINGSINGS88@gmail.com by Sunday, November 27th

Sign up for Acolyte or Crucifer!



Christmas Canned Food Drive

FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT UNITED MINISTRIES (NON-PERISHABLES, CANNED FOOD, PEANUT BUTTER, BOXED FOOD)

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Bring new or gently used kids' coats to the church for United Ministries' Coat Drive. Place them in the Narthex through Dec. 31st.

Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:
stmatthewumc.net

Weekly Email

Sign up for weekly updates to stay informed. (Call the church office to receive a paper copy.)
stmatthewumc.net

Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings: stmatthewumc.net/give

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St. Matthew Happenings

Christmas in the Park

Candlelight Service
at Falls Park

December 21
6:00 pm



With hot chocolate & cookies!

At the Community Foundation Amphitheater
(near Liberty Bridge & Passerelle Bistro)

Please sign up to welcome the community and represent the friendly and welcoming faces of St. Matthew



SAVE THE DATES!

Christmas in the Park

Wednesday, December 21st

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th, 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25th, 10 am

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1st, 10 am (Gym)

Office Closures

Church Office closed Nov. 24-25, & Dec. 26-27